

4 Lomburg Square,  
Boston, Sept. 24, 1885.

My dear Newman:

I have been reading  
your paper on Longfellow with  
a curious "argenshauer Schmeiz";  
for I lived over the whole  
career of our living for the  
verse and the man as I  
read. I believe I should  
in the whole rate be  
higher than you do; with  
all his simplicity (and even  
superficiality as regards  
passion) he was such a  
great artist. I think  
that no man of our day  
shall live to after times, he is

sure of surviving. These  
later sorrows! — I don't  
dispute your estimate, and  
your criticism has a reverent  
beauty that I should not  
have been surprised to find.

You remember, you dear,  
good fellow, that I too was  
once a poet! That is very  
good of you — very friendly  
and sweet! I would now  
wish to see you and thank  
you.

I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely  
W.D. Howells.

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